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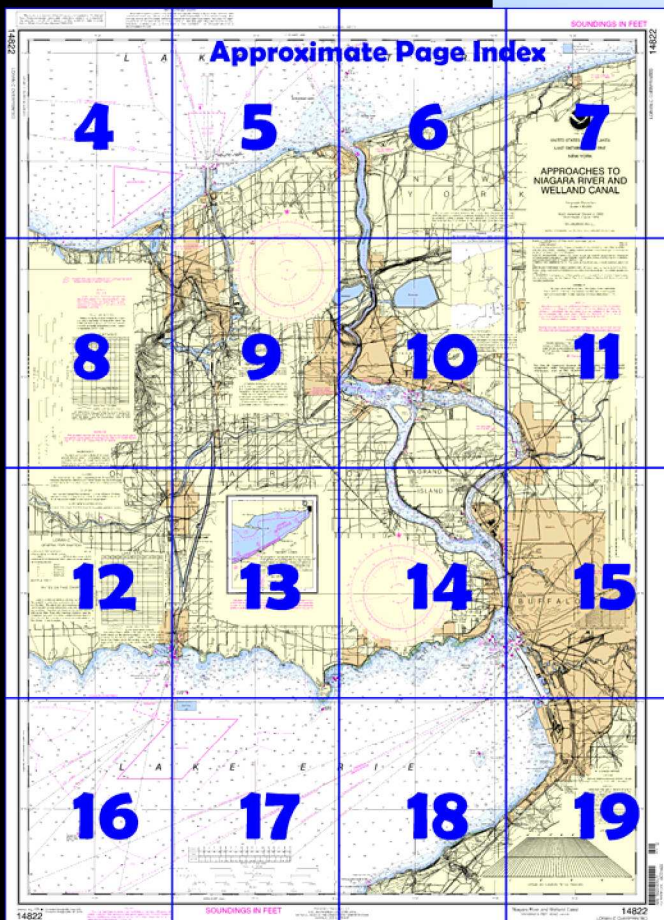
Approaches to Niagara River and Welland Canal

(NOAA Chart 14822)



A reduced scale NOAA nautical chart for small boaters. When possible, use the full size NOAA chart for navigation.

- ☒ Complete, reduced scale nautical chart
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What are Nautical Charts?

Nautical charts are a fundamental tool of marine navigation. They show water depths, obstructions, buoys, other aids to navigation, and much more. The information is shown in a way that promotes safe and efficient navigation. Chart carriage is mandatory on the commercial ships that carry America's commerce. They are also used on every Navy and Coast Guard ship, fishing and passenger vessels, and are widely carried by recreational boaters.

What is a BookletChart™?

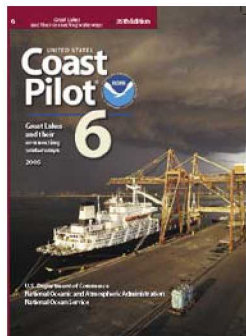
This BookletChart is made to help recreational boaters locate themselves on the water. It has been reduced in scale for convenience, but otherwise contains all the information of the full-scale nautical chart. The bar scales have also been reduced, and are accurate when used to measure distances in this BookletChart. See the Note at the bottom of page 5 for the reduction in scale applied to this chart.

Whenever possible, use the official, full scale NOAA nautical chart for navigation. Nautical chart sales agents are listed on the Internet at <http://www.NauticalCharts.NOAA.gov>.

This BookletChart does NOT fulfill chart carriage requirements for regulated commercial vessels under Titles 33 and 44 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

Notice to Mariners Correction Status

This BookletChart has been updated for chart corrections published in the U.S. Coast Guard Local Notice to Mariners, the National Geospatial Intelligence Agency Weekly Notice to Mariners, and, where applicable, the Canadian Coast Guard Notice to Mariners. Additional chart corrections have been made by NOAA in advance of their publication in a Notice to Mariners. The last Notices to Mariners applied to this chart are listed in the Note at the bottom of page 7. Coast Pilot excerpts are not being corrected.



[Coast Pilot 6, Chapter 6 excerpts]

(39) At its E end, Lake Erie becomes comparatively narrow and has its outlet in the Niagara River. From the head of the river, it is about 20 miles to the falls and rapids of **American Falls** and **Horseshoe Falls**. About 5 miles below the head, the river is divided into two channels by **Strawberry Island** and **Grand Island**. **Tonawanda Channel** and **Niagara River Channel**, the U.S. channels, lead to the E of these islands, and **Chippawa Channel**, the Canadian channel, leads to the

W of these islands. At the lower end of Grand Island, the channels rejoin and lead for about 3.5 miles to the falls.

(40) The **International boundary** between the United States and Canada follows a general middle of the river course in the upper Niagara River from the head of the river downstream to the head of Grand Island where the river forks around the island. The boundary then follows Chippawa

Channel and is generally less than 1,000 feet off the W shore of Grand Island until Chippawa Channel and Niagara River Channel join at the NW end of Grand Island. The boundary again follows a general middle of the river course around the S side of **Goat Island** and over Niagara Falls.

(47) **Black Rock Canal** is the recommended route from Lake Erie to facilities in the Niagara River below **Squaw Island**. The channel formerly dredged in the open river W of Bird Island and Squaw Island has shoaled to depths of 10 feet or less. The bottom in this reach is generally rocky, and the currents are strong and variable. Great care should be exercised in navigating this section of the river.

(49) **Black Rock Canal** provides a safe passage for vessels around the rapids and shoals in the head of the Niagara River.

(50) The Lake Erie entrance to Black Rock Canal is through Buffalo Harbor North Entrance Channel and across the Outer Harbor Northern Channel to Black Rock Canal Entrance Channel. From its entrance, the canal leads northward along the Buffalo front, parallel with the river and separated from it by **Bird Island Pier** and Squaw Island. Bird Island Pier and Squaw Island retain the canal pool from the W, and, along with Black Rock Lock, serve to keep the canal level at the same elevation as the water surface of Lake Erie.

(51) From Black Rock Lock at the lower end of Squaw Island, the dredged channel extends to a point about 0.7 mile below **Pirates Island**, off the SE side of Grand Island, thence through the natural deep water of Tonawanda Channel. W of **Tonawanda Island**, the dredged channel continues to a turning basin on the N side of Tonawanda Island at North Tonawanda.

(56) **Black Rock Lock** connects the canal with the river near the foot of Squaw Island. The lock has a usable length of 625 feet with a clear width of 68 feet and a depth of 21 feet over the sills. The lock has an average lift of 5.2 feet.

(66) **Bird Island** is on the W side of the Black Rock Canal about 1.3 miles below the entrance. Piers that enclose the canal extend S from Bird Island and N to connect with Squaw Island. A **special anchorage** is on the N and S sides of Bird Island.

(67) The canal generally has a slight current downstream. During rapidly rising or high water in Lake Erie, there is a strong crosscurrent at the S end of Bird Island Pier.

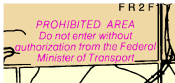
(68) Three bridges cross Black Rock Canal. Peace Bridge, 2 miles below the S entrance, has a fixed span with a clearance of 100 feet. An overhead power cable 0.2 mile below the bridge has a clearance of 144 feet. Ferry Street Bridge, 2.6 miles below the entrance, has a bascule span with a clearance of 17 feet for 86 feet from the E abutment, thence decreasing to 12 feet at the W abutment. The bridgetender monitors VHF-FM channel 16 and works on channel 12. International Bridge, with a combined rail and highway swing span 3.8 miles below the entrance, has a clearance of 17 feet.

(69) A **speed limit** of 6 mph is enforced in Black Rock Canal.

(70) The canal has no docks or facilities for mooring large vessels. The Buffalo Yacht Club maintains a small-craft basin on the canal adjacent to the Buffalo waterworks pumping station. Downstream from the yacht club basin, a berthing area about 12 feet deep has been dredged for the U.S. Naval and Marine Corps Reserve Training Center. Several small-craft facilities are on **Scajaquada Creek**, which enters the canal about 0.5 mile SE of the lock. Transient berths, gasoline, water, electricity, marine supplies, a launching ramp, a 4-ton mobile crane, and hull and gasoline engine repairs are available. In 1977, 4 feet was reported available in the approach and alongside the berths.

(71) **Peace Bridge** crosses the open Niagara River about 1.5 miles from the head. The bridge has several fixed spans with center clearances of 56 to 91 feet. The normal vessel route is under the fourth span from the U.S. mainland (the first being the bowstring truss over the Black Rock Canal). This span has a clearance of 67 feet at the center. An intake crib marked by a light is just downstream of the third span from the U.S. mainland. Navigation through this span is difficult in the turbulent current.

Table of Selected Chart Notes



Pump-out facilities

Corrected through NM Aug. 6/05
Corrected through LNM Jul. 26/05



CAUTION

Improved channels shown by broken lines are subject to shoaling, particularly at the edges.

CAUTION

Temporary changes or defects in aids to navigation are not indicated on this chart. See Local Notice to Mariners.

During some winter months or when endangered by ice, certain aids to navigation are replaced by other types or removed. For details see U.S. Coast Guard Light List.

RADAR REFLECTORS

Radar reflectors have been placed on many floating aids to navigation. Individual radar reflector identification on these aids has been omitted from this chart.

NOAA WEATHER RADIO BROADCASTS

The NOAA Weather Radio station listed below provides continuous weather broadcasts. The reception range is typically 20 to 40 nautical miles from the antenna site, but can be as much as 100 nautical miles for stations at high elevations.

Buffalo, NY KEB-98 162.55 MHz

RACING BUOYS

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POLLUTION REPORTS

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NOTE C

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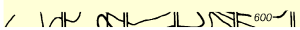
CAUTION

Limitations on the use of radio signals as aids to marine navigation can be found in the U.S. Coast Guard Light Lists and National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency Publication 117.

Radio direction-finder bearings to commercial broadcasting stations are subject to error and should be used with caution.

Station positions are shown thus:

○ (Accurate location) ○ (Approximate location)



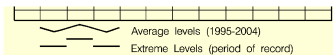
FISH NETTING AREAS

Various types of nets are employed in Lake Erie of which gill nets, impounding nets and trap nets may create a hazard to mariners. These are marked by buoys or stakes. This diagram shows the areas most intensively fished and the principal type of nets employed. However, fishing gear may be encountered at any location.

① Principal Gill Netting Areas.

② Impounding Net Areas.

③ Trap Net Areas.



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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

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WARNING

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CAUTION

POTABLE WATER INTAKE

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SOURCE DIAGRAM

Most of the hydrography identified by the letter "I" was surveyed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers prior to 1974. Other outlined areas represent the limits of the most recent hydrographic survey information that has been evaluated for charting. Surveys have been banded in this diagram by date and type of survey. Channels currently maintained by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers are periodically resurveyed and are not shown on this diagram. Refer to Chapter 1, United States Coast Pilot.

HORIZONTAL DATUM

The horizontal reference datum of this chart is North American Datum 1983 (NAD 83) and is considered equivalent to World Geodetic System 1984 (WGS 84) for practical plotting purposes. Positions referred to the North American 1927 Datum do not require conversion to NAD 83 for plotting on this chart.

Sailing courses and limits indicated in magenta are recommended by the Lake Carriers Association and the Canadian Shipowners Association

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Gas pipelines and wells contain natural gas under pressure and damage to these installations would create an immediate fire hazard. Vessels anchoring in Lake Erie should do so with caution after noting the underwater, and therefore concealed, positions of all oil and gas wells, pipelines, submarine cables and other installations.

GENERAL EXPLANATION	
LOTRAN-C FREQUENCY	100kHz
PULSE REPETITION INTERVAL	99.600 Microseconds
STATION TYPE DESIGNATORS: (Not individual station letter designators).	
M	Master
W	Secondary
X	Secondary
Y	Secondary
Z	Secondary
EXAMPLE: 9960-X	
RATES ON THIS CHART	

CAUTION

This chart has been corrected from the Notice to Mariners (NM) published weekly by the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency and the Local Notice to Mariners (LNM) issued periodically by each U.S. Coast Guard district to the dates shown in the lower left hand corner.

This nautical chart has been designed to promote safe navigation. The National Ocean Service encourages users to submit corrections, additions, or comments for improving this chart to the Chief, Marine Chart Division (N/CS2), National Ocean Service, NOAA, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910-3282.

For the St. Lawrence Seaway Regulations and Circulars, special equipment, radio frequencies used in Traffic Control and related information, refer to THE SEAWAY HANDBOOK.

AUTHORITIES. Hydrography and Topography by the National Ocean Service, Coast Survey, with additional data from the Corps of Engineers, Geological Survey, U.S. Coast Guard, and Canadian authorities.

BRIDGE AND OVERHEAD CABLE CLEARANCES. When the water surface is above Low Water Datum, bridge and overhead clearances are reduced correspondingly. For clearances see U.S. Coast Pilot 6.

SAILING DIRECTIONS. Bearings of sailing courses are true and distances given thereon are in statute miles between points of departure.

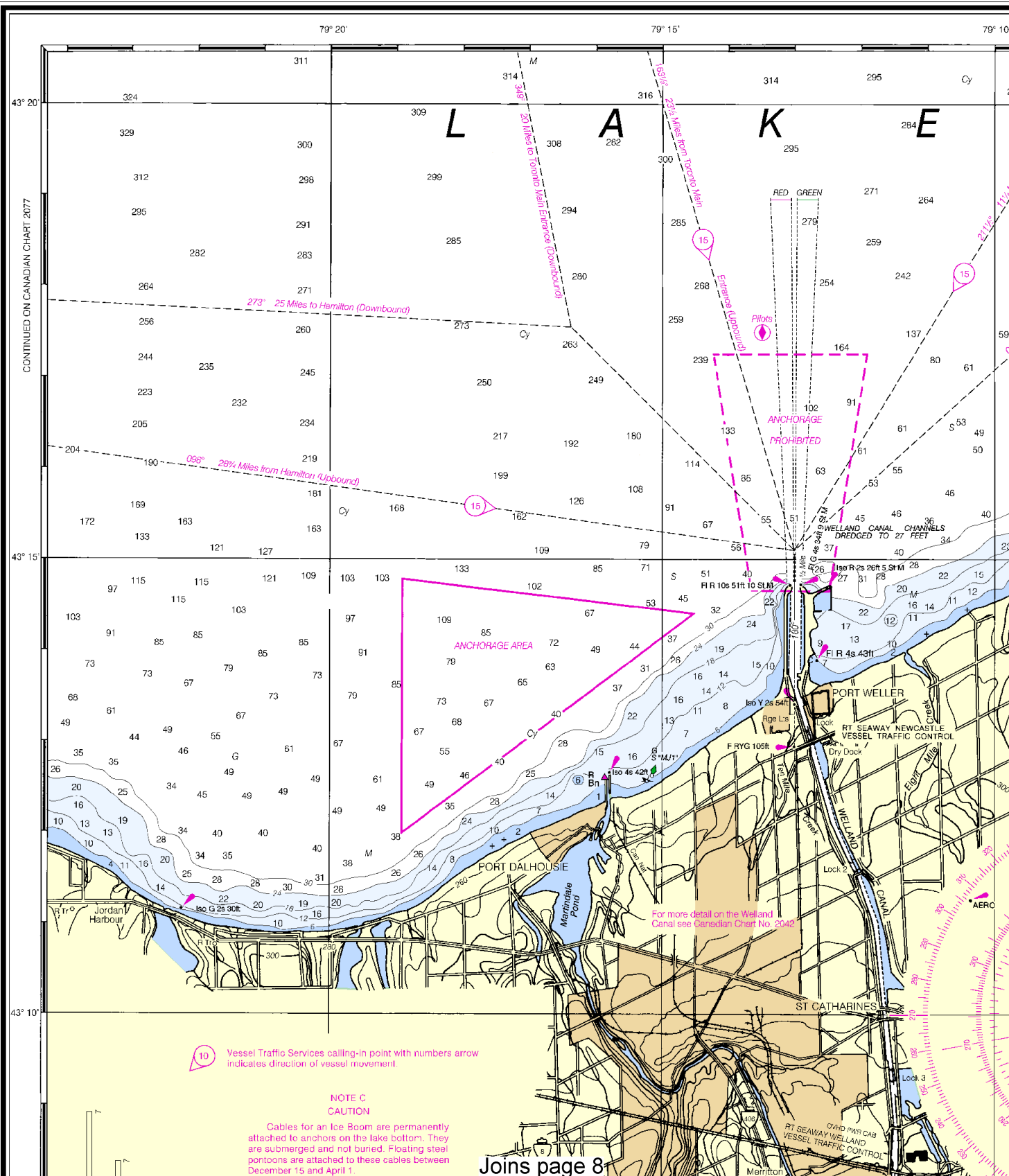
PLANE OF REFERENCE OF THIS CHART (Low Water Datum)

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Referred to mean water level at Rimouski, Quebec, International Great Lakes Datum (1985).

SYMBOLS AND ABBREVIATIONS. For complete list of symbols and abbreviations see Chart No. 1

PRINT-ON-DEMAND CHARTS

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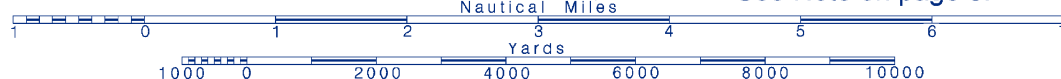
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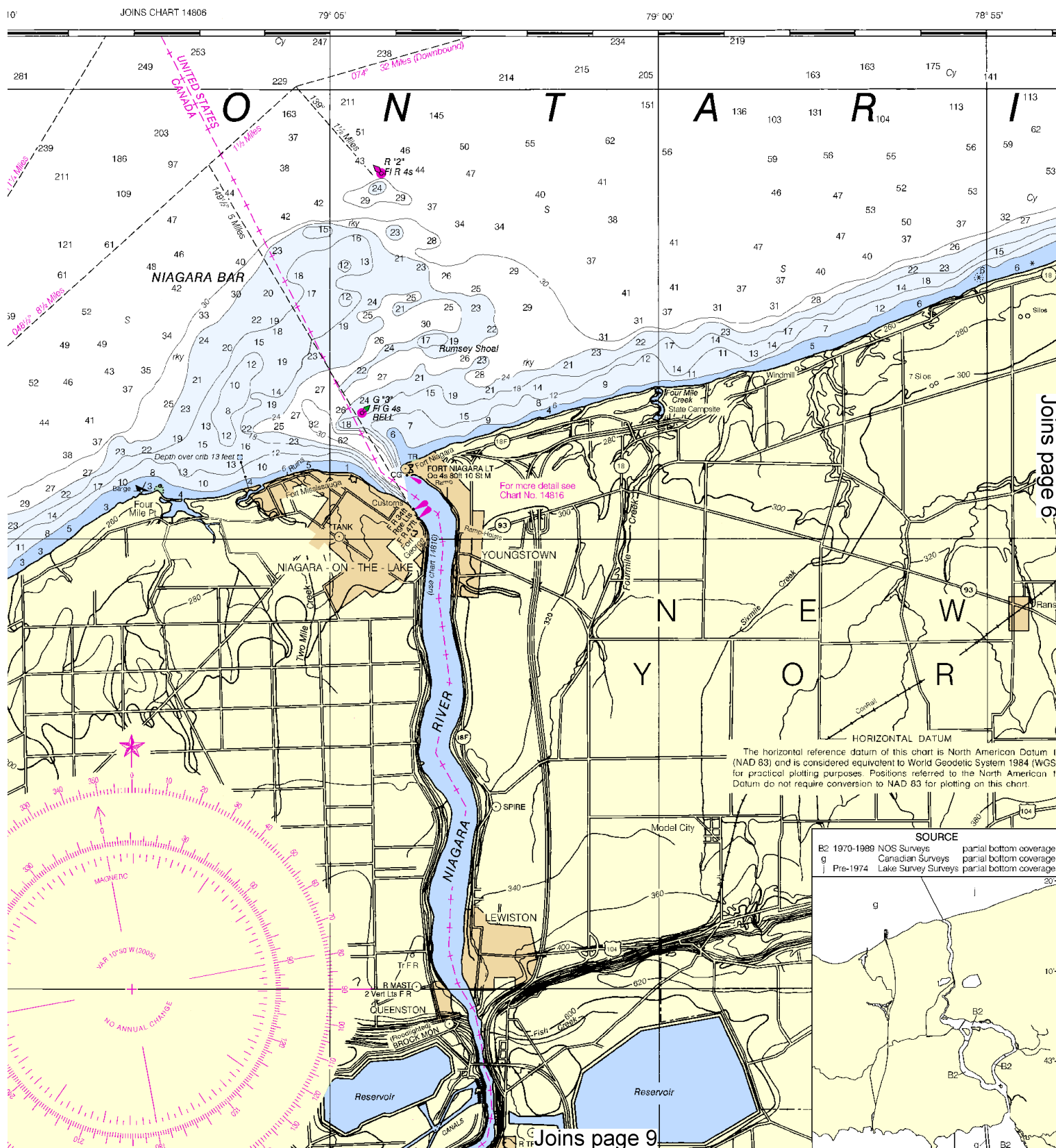


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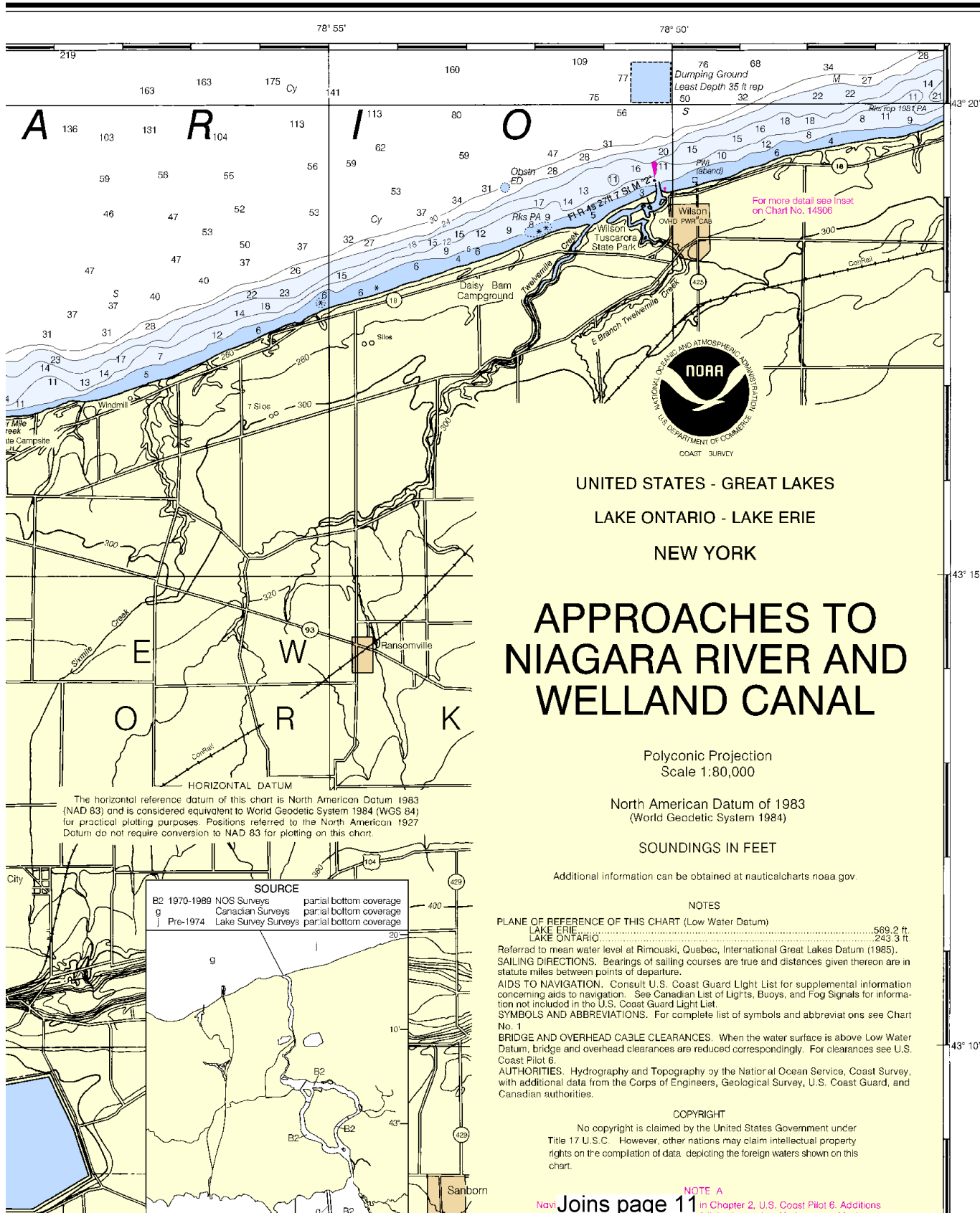
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This BookletChart was reduced to 75% of the original chart scale.
The new scale is 1:106667. Barscales have also been reduced and are accurate when used to measure distances in this BookletChart.



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For more detail on the Welland Canal see Canadian Chart No. 2042

10 Vessel Traffic Services calling-in point with numbers arrow indicates direction of vessel movement

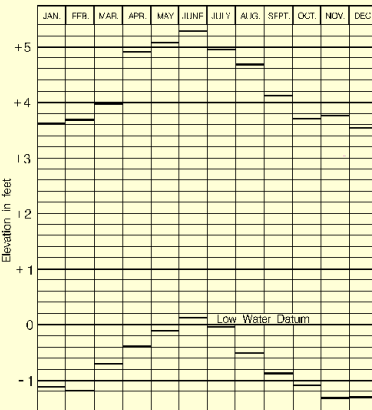
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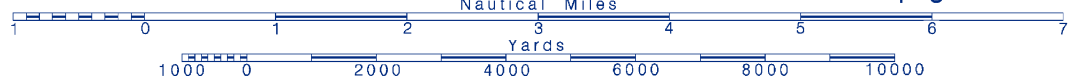
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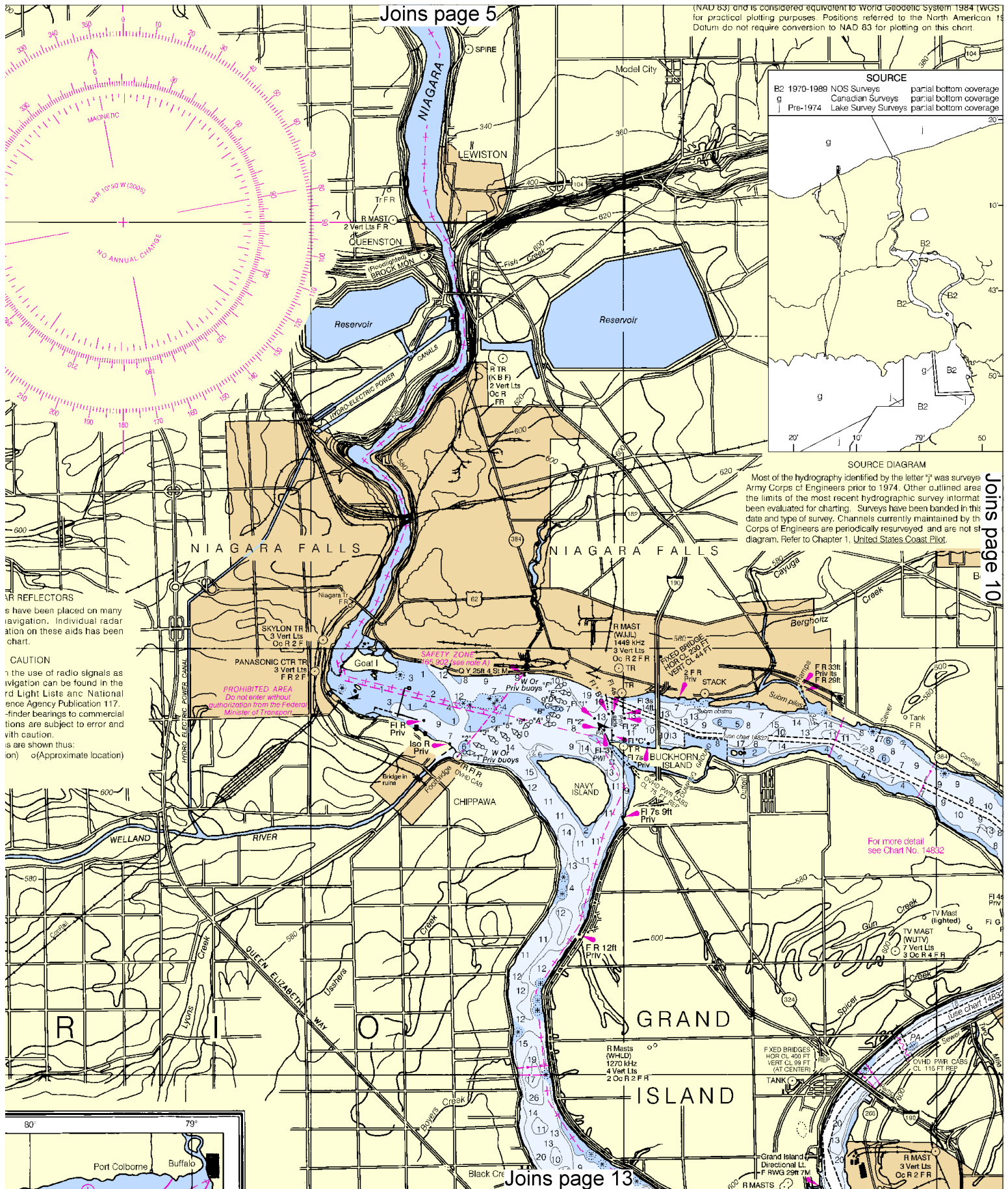


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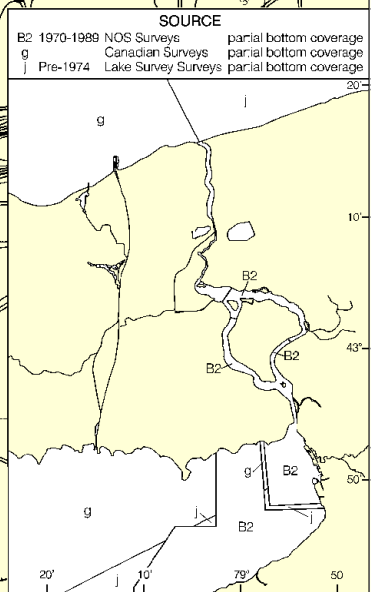
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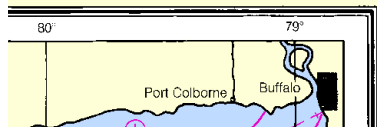
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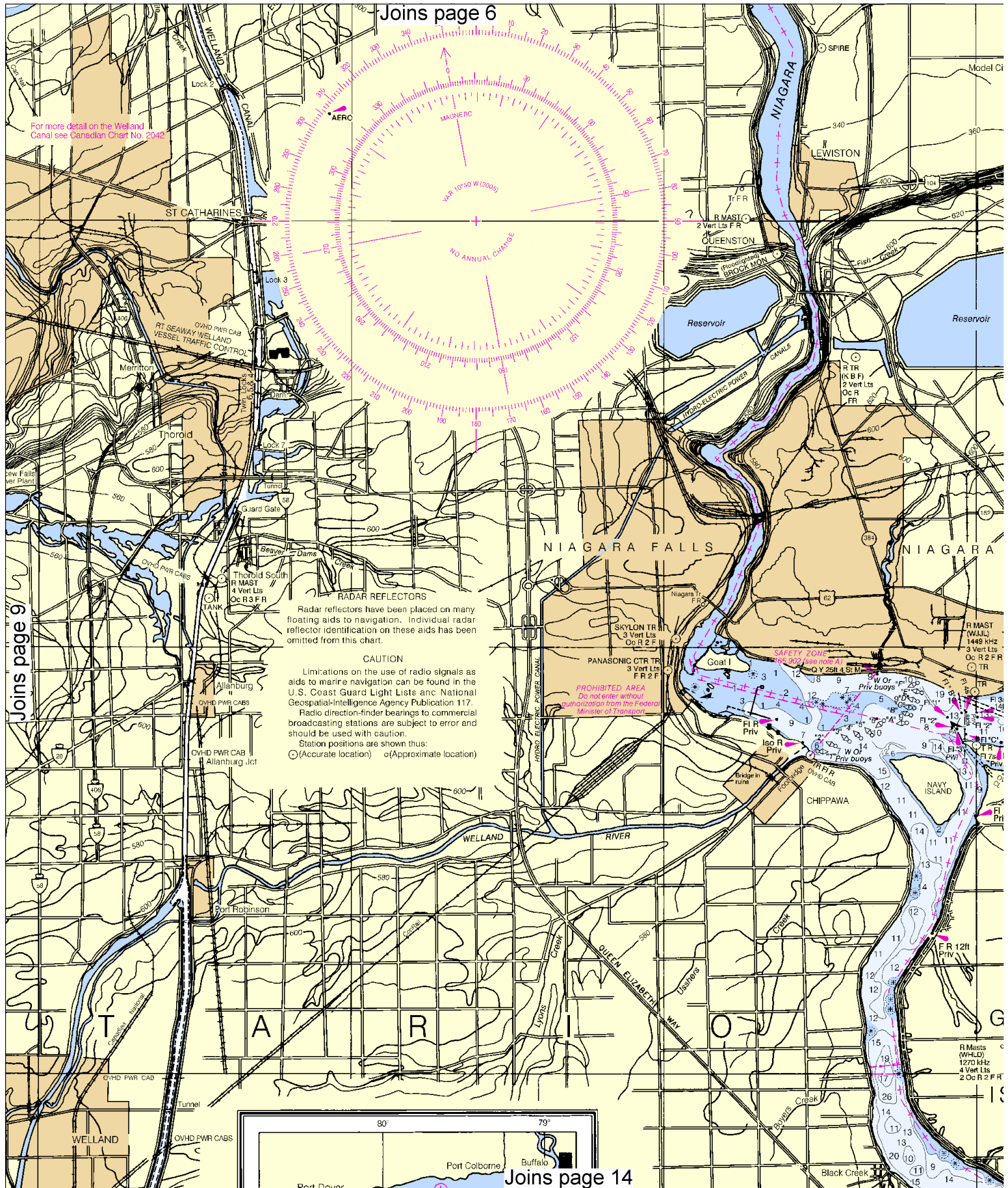
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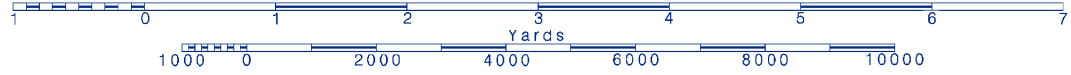


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(World Geodetic System 1984)

SOUNDINGS IN FEET

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NOTES

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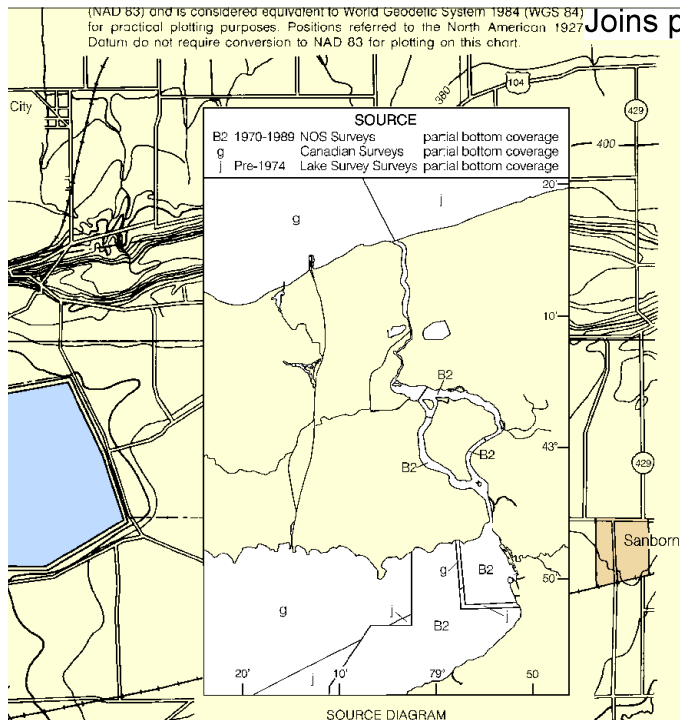
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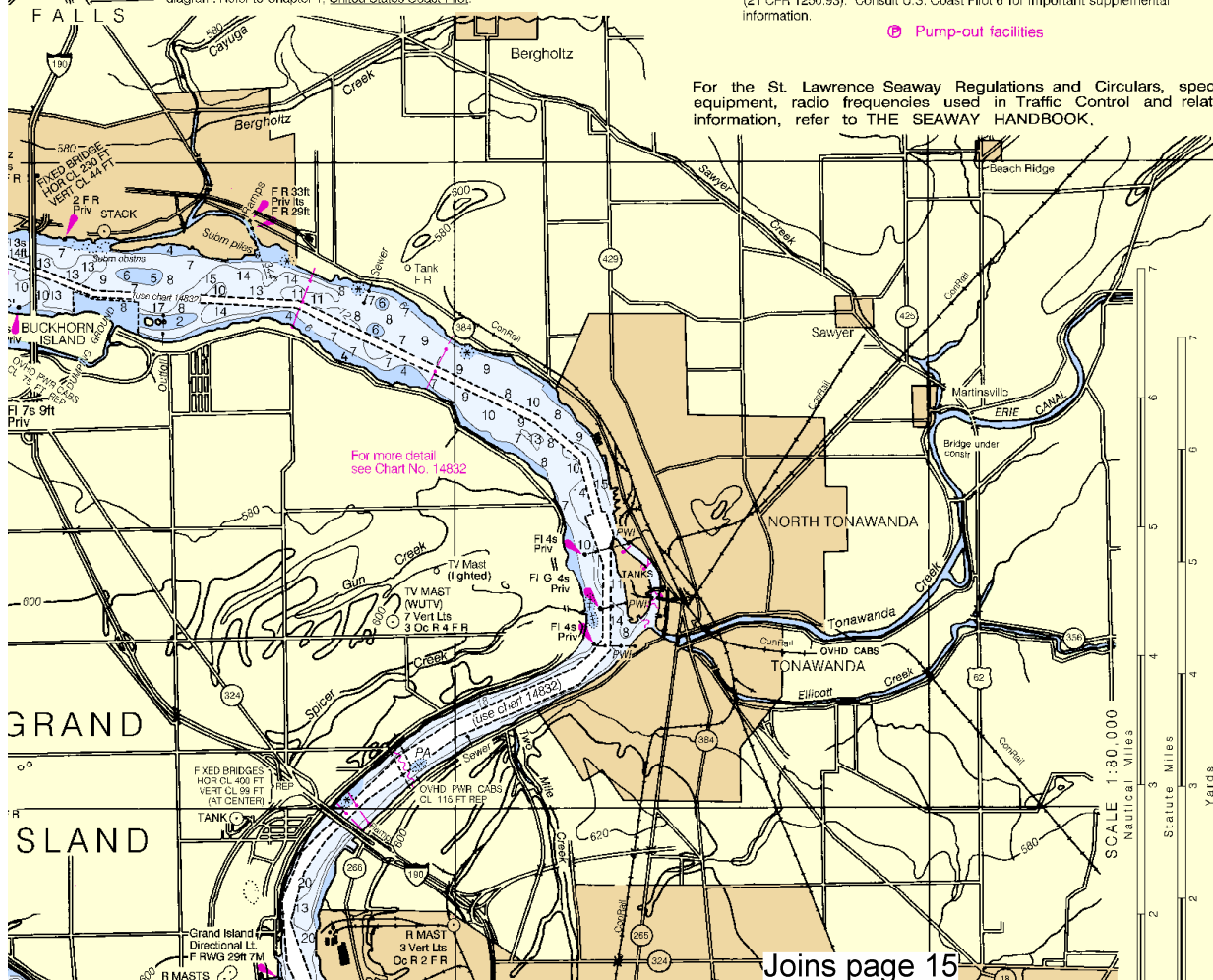
Ⓟ Pump-out facilities

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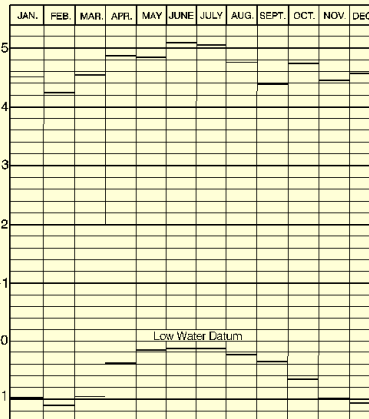
GENERAL EXPLANATION

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PULSE REPETITION INTERVAL
9960 99.600 Microseconds
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M Master
W Secondary
X Secondary
Y Secondary
Z Secondary

EXAMPLE: 9960-Y

RATES ON THIS CHART

Loran-C correction tables published by the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency or others should not be used with this chart. The lines of position shown have been adjusted based on theoretically determined overland signal propagation delays. They have not been verified by comparison with survey data. Every effort has been made to meet the 1/4 nautical mile accuracy criteria established by the U.S. Coast Guard. Mariners are cautioned not to rely solely on the lattices in inshore waters.



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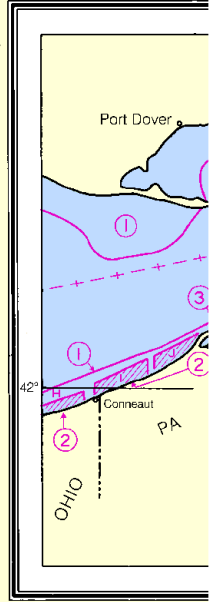
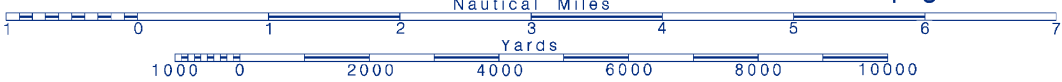
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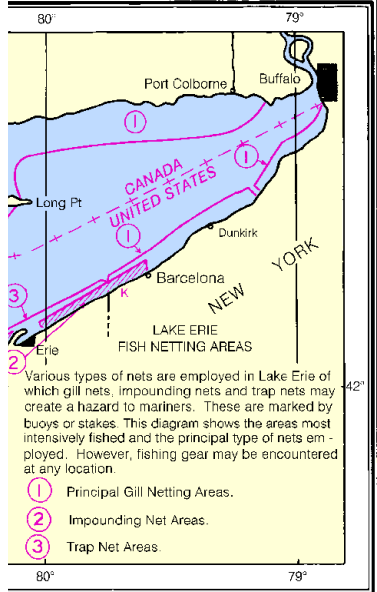
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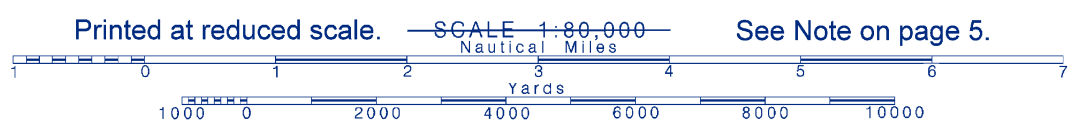
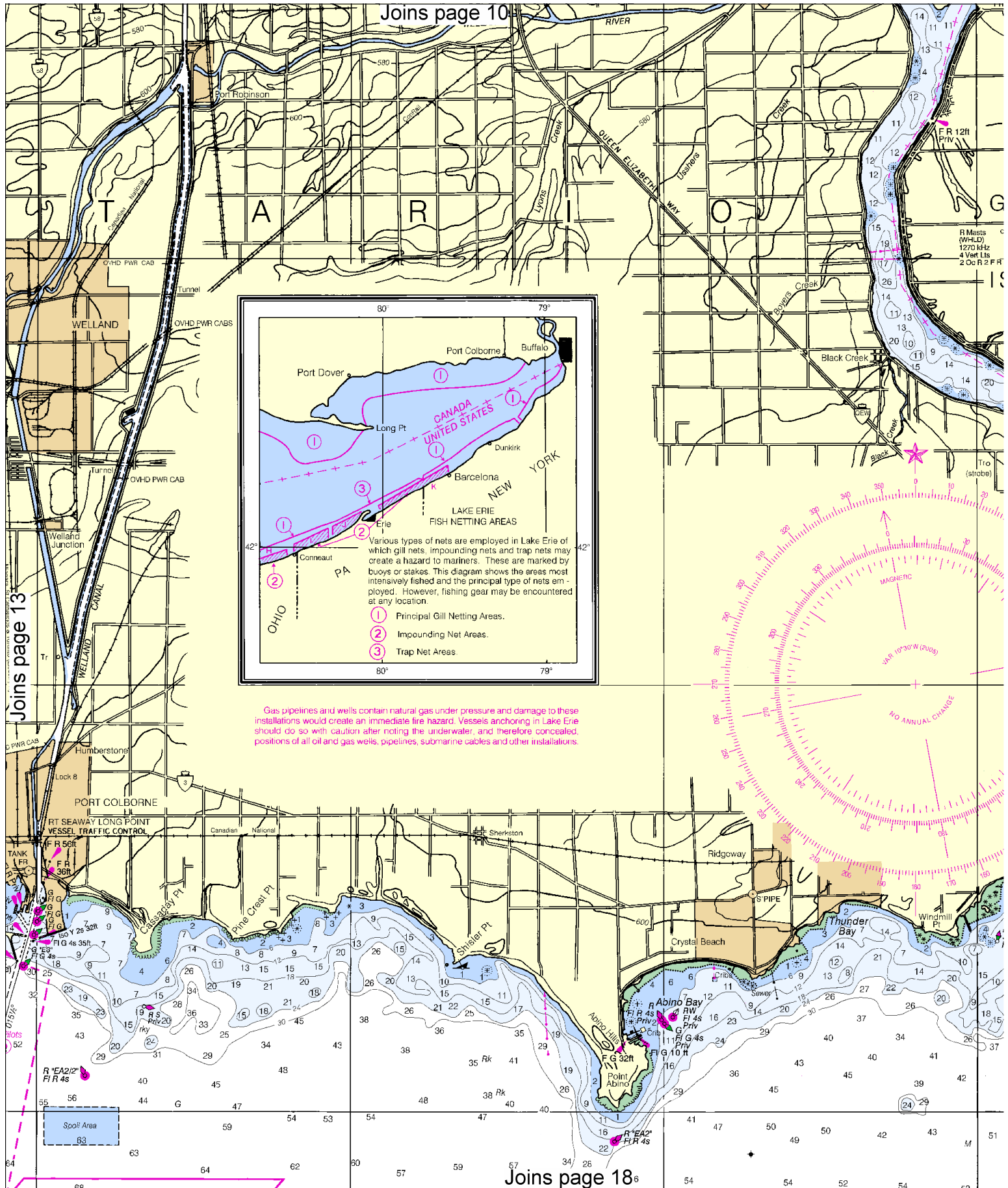
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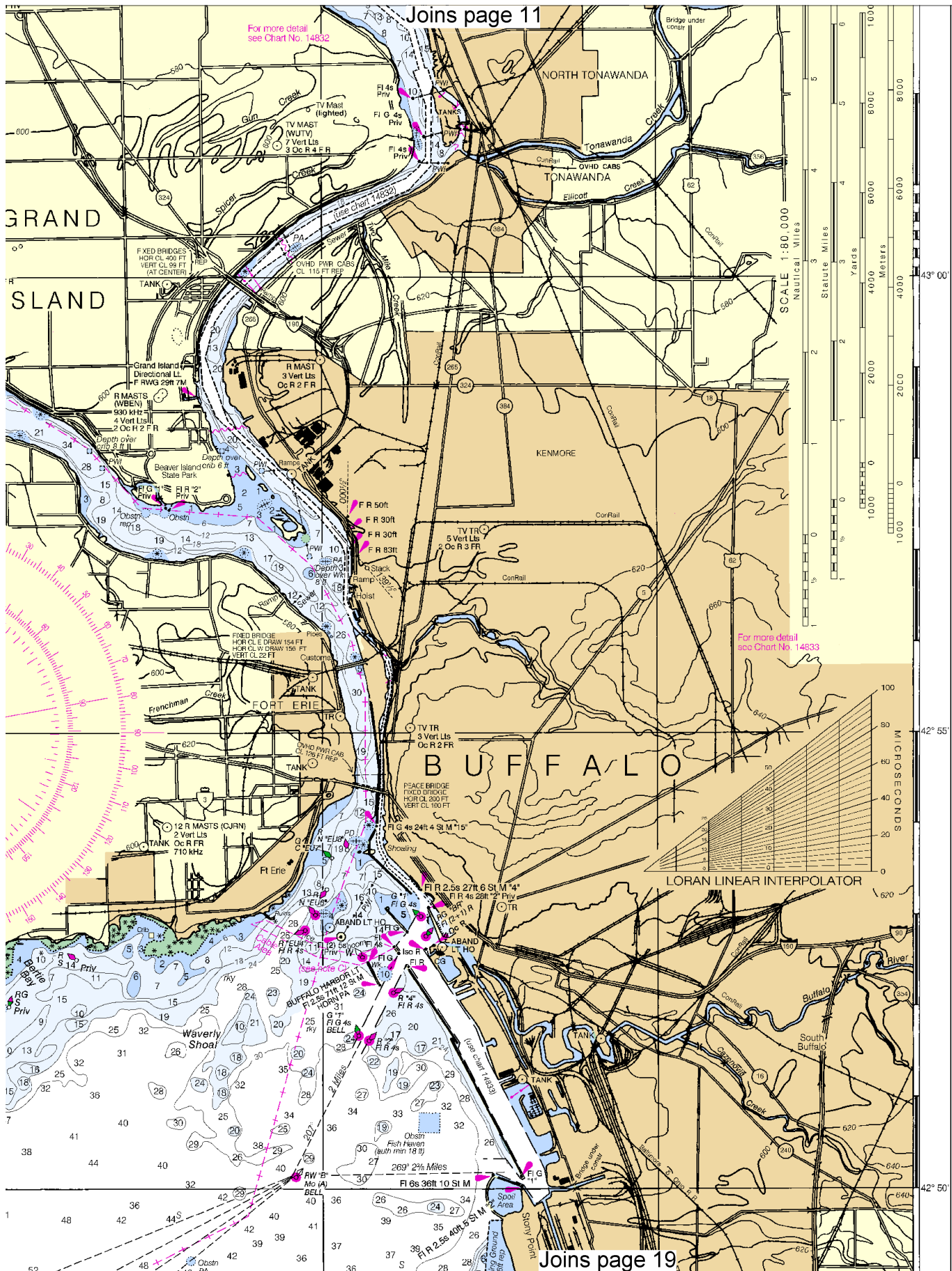
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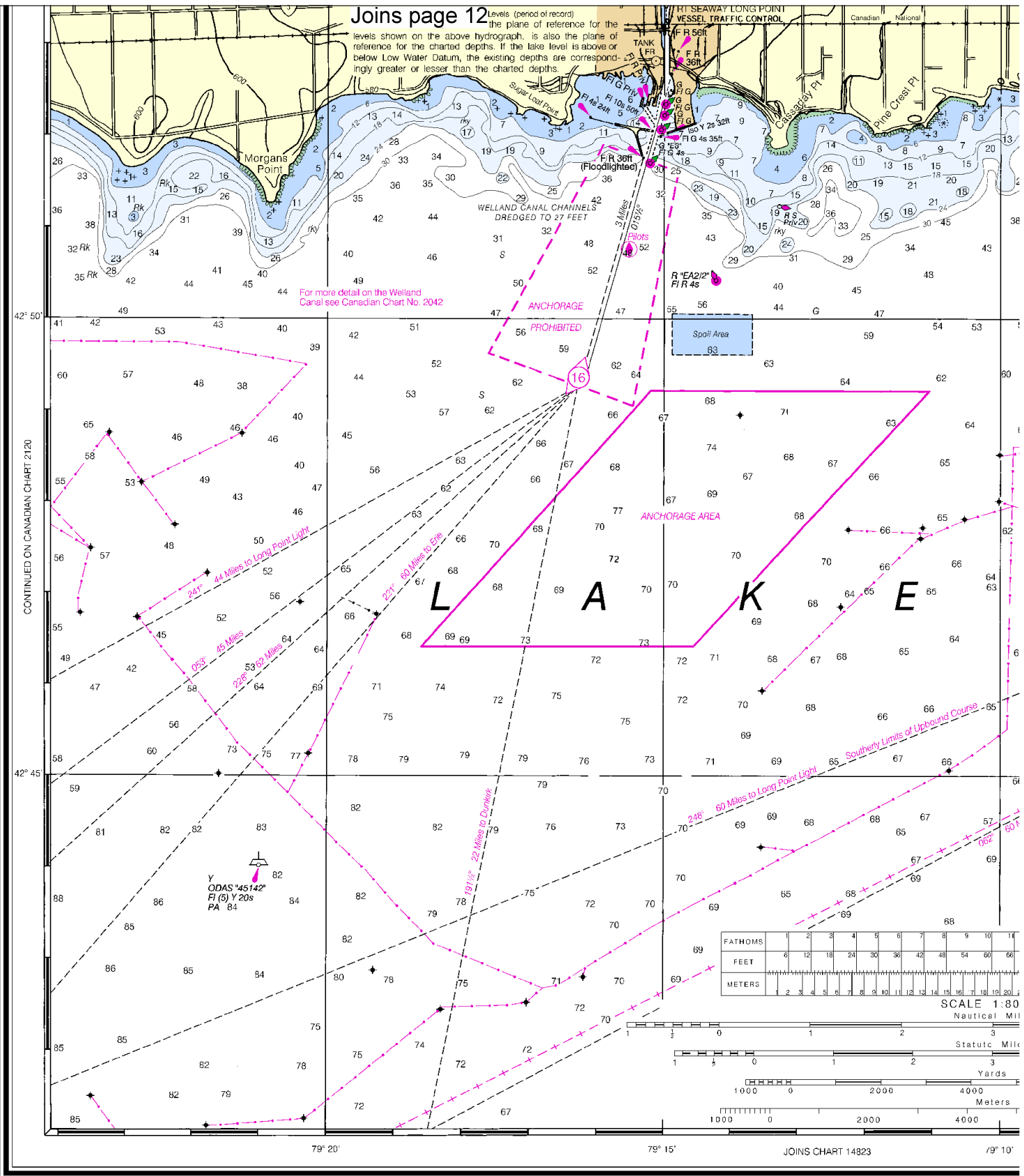


contain natural gas under pressure and damage to these in immediate fire hazard. Vessels anchoring in Lake Erie after noting the underwater, and therefore concealed, wells, pipelines, submarine cables and other installations.



See Note on page 5.





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Corrected through LNM Jul. 26/05

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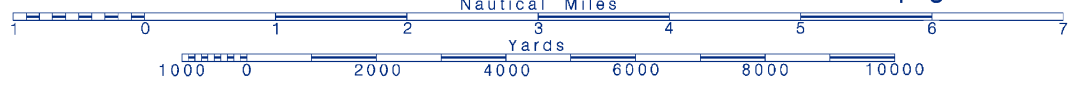
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EMERGENCY INFORMATION

VHF Marine Radio channels for use on the waterways:

Channel 6 – Inter-ship safety communications.

Channel 9 – Communications between boats and ship-to-coast.

Channel 13 – Navigation purposes at bridges, locks, and harbors.

Channel 16 – Emergency, distress and safety calls to Coast Guard and others, and to initiate calls to other vessels. Contact the other vessel, agree to another channel, and then switch.

Channel 22A – Calls between the Coast Guard and the public. Severe weather warnings, hazards to navigation and safety warnings are broadcast here.

Channels 68, 69, 71, 72 & 78A – Recreational boat channels.

Distress Call Procedures

1. Make sure radio is on.
2. Select Channel 16.
3. Press/Hold the transmit button.
4. Clearly say: "MAYDAY, MAYDAY, MAYDAY."
5. Also give: Vessel Name and/or Description; Position and/or Location; Nature of Emergency; Number of People on Board.
6. Release transmit button.
7. Wait for 10 seconds – If no response Repeat MAYDAY Call.

HAVE ALL PERSONS PUT ON LIFE JACKETS !!

Mobile Phones – Call 911 for water rescue.

Coast Guard Search & Rescue – 216-902-6117

Coast Guard Search & Rescue – 716-843-9527

Canadian Coast Guard (RCC Trenton) – 1-800-267-7270 or 613-965-3870

NOAA Weather Radio – 162.400 MHz, 162.425 MHz, 162.450 MHz, 162.475 MHz, 162.500 MHz, 162.525 MHz, 162.550 MHz.

Getting and Giving Help – Signal other boaters using visual distress signals (flares, orange flag, lights, arm signals); whistles; horns; and on your VHF radio. You are required by law to help boaters in trouble. Respond to distress signals, but do not endanger yourself.



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